

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

13-20 (Canceled).

21 (New). A connecting device suitable for attaching a pipe, which has a longitudinal axis, to a surface comprising:

a first part fixable to the surface;

a second part slidably attachable to the first part along the longitudinal axis of the pipe, said second part adapted to capture the pipe so as to be slidable along the pipe; and

co-operating formations on said first and second parts, said co-operating formations both

enabling the attachment of the first part to the second part to be

selectively adjustable whereby spacing of the pipe from the surface is adjustable, and

limiting slidable movement of the second part relative to the first part in a given direction along the longitudinal axis of the pipe.

22 (New). The connecting device of claim 21, wherein said second part comprises a base connecting two spaced sides, and inwardly turned ends on said sides spaced from said base, wherein said base, sides, and inwardly turned ends slidably capture the pipe when disposed therein.

23 (New). The connecting device of claim 22, wherein said inwardly turned ends are spaced from one another a distance less than the dimension between said second part sides of the captured pipe.

24 (New). The connecting device of claim 23, wherein said co-operating formations further permit slidable movement of the second part relative to the first part in the direction opposite said given direction once the second part has been slidably attached to the first part.

25 (New). The connecting device of claim 22, wherein said first part is U-shaped with a base supporting two spaced sides, said first part base being fixable to the surface and said co-operating formations enabling the attachment of the first part

sides to said second part sides with said second part inwardly turned ends extending toward one another between said first part sides and said second part sides.

26 (New). The connecting device of claim 25, wherein said co-operating formations comprise spaced teeth in said first part sides and said second part sides.

27 (New). The connecting device of claim 22, further comprising ribs on said second part base, spaced sides and inwardly turned ends, said ribs engaging the pipe when disposed therein.

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28 (New). The connecting device of claim 21, wherein said co-operating formations further permit slidable movement of the second part relative to the first part in the direction opposite said given direction once the second part has been slidably attached to the first part.

29 (New). A method of securing a pipe to a surface using the connecting device of claim 21, comprising the steps of:

capturing the pipe in the second part;

securing the first part to the surface;

sliding the second part over the captured pipe until said co-operating formations on said first and second parts attach the first part to the second part at a selected one of a plurality of spacings between the pipe and the surface.
